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Lokayukta sleuths raid

houses, offices of Govt. officials in Mysuru & other places

Village Panchayat Development Officer owns villa in Eagleton Golf Resort; House in Alanahalli and bungalow in Nazarbad

PDO Yathish's house in Nazarbad, Mysuru.

Jayanna's residence in Kushalnagar.

Fayaz Ahmed's Farm House in Kushalnagar.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (RK&VNS)- In an early morning shock for the government officials, Lokayukta sleuths conducted simultaneous raids at offices, houses and farm houses belonging to the alleged corrupt officials across the State and recovered a large amount of cash, valuables and property documents, this morning.

In Mysuru, 12 separate teams of Lokayukta sleuths headed by Mysuru Division SP V.J. Sajeeth raided the residences and office of Yathish Kumar, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) at Manchanayakanahalli Village Panchayat in Bidadi; Jayanna, Assistant Engineer, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in Somwarpet and Fayaz Ahmed, Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Somwarpet. The sleuths simultaneously raided Yathish's villa at Eagleton Resorts near Ramanagar, his wife's residence in Alanahalli, Mysuru and his office in Manachanayakanahalli at 5.30 am and are said to have recovered cash and property documents. The officials also raided his under-construction bungalow in Nazarbad.

The Lokayukta sleuths during their raids on Jayanna, Assistant Engineer, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in Somwarpet, recovered Rs. 10 lakh in cash at his residence in Kushalnagar. Raids were also conducted at the houses belonging to his relatives.

Continuing their raids, the sleuths carried out raids at residence, farm house and office belonging to Fayaz Ahmed, Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Somwarpet, this morning and are said to have recovered property documents and valuables.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru Lokyukta sleuths conducted raids on a house in Ramakrishnanagar H Block in Mysuru, belonging to a BESCOM Executive Engineer working in Chikkaballapur.

In Mysuru division, the raids were conducted after cases were registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act of 1988. Mysuru DySP Krishnaiah, Madikeri DySP Pavan Kumar, Inspectors Roopashree, Umesh, Jayarathna, Lokesh and staff took part in today's operations.

The raids were on when we went to the Press.

Dist. Admn. keeps tab

on elderly, specially-abled voters

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (GA & BS)- The District Administration has been making all the preparations for smooth conduct of Lok Sabha elections.

Dr. Kumaraswamy

As part of this, the Health and Family Welfare Department is keeping a tab on the health condition of elderly citizens in the district. The elderly citizens aged 85 years and above and the specially-abled voters can either cast their vote at the polling booth or from their home. Hence the Health and Family Welfare Department has decided to take stock of health condition of elderly persons and specially-abled voters in the district by going door-to-door.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy told *Star of Mysore* "The district has 41,617 voters aged 85 years and above, 33,887 specially-abled and 1,994 centenarians, who are expected to vote."

Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency will be going for voting on April 26 in the second phase of Lok Sabha elections. The Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka will be conducted in two phases on April 26 and May 7. Of the total 28 LS Constituencies in the State, 14 each will be voting in two phases.

The Health and Family Welfare Department too is conducting awareness on voting as part of SVEEP activities at Taluk and District Centres to increase the percentage of voting this time.

The doctors have been also instructed to be present at Primary Health Centres and all other hospitals, besides making suitable arrangements at the polling booths. ASHA workers are going door-to-door to collect information on health condition of elderly voters and specially-abled and giving them suitable instructions.

Arrangements are also being made to provide medicines to voters if they experience any ill health due to soaring mercury level at polling booths, said DHO Dr. Kumaraswamy.

Lok Sabha Polls-2024

Mandya NDA

candidate is HDK

H.D. Kumaraswamy

Prajwal Revanna will be seeking re-election from Hassan and Mallesh Babu will contest as NDA candidate from Kolar

Bengaluru, Mar. 27 (KMS & VNS)- Finally, the suspense over the NDA candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha was cleared with JD(S) State President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) announcing his candidature for the seat here yesterday.

Kumaraswamy held separate meetings with JD(S) core committee, headed by MLA G.T. Devegowda and BJP leaders before officially announcing the names of the candidates for Mandya, Hassan and Kolar (SC) LS Constituencies which have been given to the JD(S) by the BJP as per the seat agreement.

(See CANDIDATE on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 27th March 2024

JSS wins Nani Palkhivala Natl. Tax Moot Court Competition

Mysuru, Mar. 27- JSS Law College, Mysuru, has won the prestigious 19th Nani Palkhivala Memorial National Tax Moot Court Competition-2024 held at the School of Law, SASTRA University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu on Mar.23 and 24.

In a closely contested finals against National Law University (NLU), Delhi, the all-girls team of JSS Law College comprising Hemica Ponnamma Madrira, Neeraja Rajesh and P.G. Lisha was adjudged the winner with the coveted trophy and a cash prize of Rs.50,000.

Earlier, this Mysuru team won semi-finals against Jindal Global Law School, Haryana and quarter-finals against National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi.

The finals was judged by Justice P.N. Prakash (Retd.) of the Madras High Court, P.H Arvind Pandian, Senior Advocate of the Madras High Court and K.R. Sekar, Partner at Deloitte.

The Moot Proposition dealt with Section 37(1) of the Income Tax Act related to Employee Stock Options (ESOP) & loan waiver to subsidiary entity along with Indo-Spain Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) issues. Leading law schools from all over the country participated in the tax moot.

The finals jury were in unanimous appreciation of the participants' presentation, rebuttals and above all the youthful energy. Justice Prakash urged the students to take up a practising career in law to enrich the quality of both the Bar and the Bench.

The winners were greeted by Prof. K.S. Suresh, Chief Executive; Dr. S. Nataraju, Principal; Prof. Asmathunnisa, faculty coordinator; faculty members and staff of JSS Law College.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Everyone keeps delaying their happiness. A child thinks they'll be happy when they go to college. In college, they think they'll be happy when they start earning. Then they think they'll be happy once they are married.

The cycle continues and that special day never arrives. It is like trying to make your bed whole night and not be able to sleep. Instead of waiting to be happy in the future, choose to be happy now.

Look at the world where there are bigger problems, so your problems seem smaller. This gives you the energy and confidence to deal with them. Reflect on your own past. You've faced many problems before and they've all passed. This problem will also pass and you have the strength to overcome it. Practice breathing exercises, meditation and relaxation techniques. Instead of giving up in anger, say, "I give this problem up to the Divine." Have confidence that you will be helped. Turn your mind inward for solutions. Spend a few minutes in deep introspection each day.

Smiling when everything is going well is easy, but if you can smile and stay positive even when facing challenges, you'll find tremendous inner strength and the problem will disappear. Remember, you are responsible for your happiness. Be determined to not let anyone take your happiness away. Consider all situations as opportunities for your spiritual growth.

Go inward to find the source of happiness. When you connect with that source, your senses will be strong, your mind will be content and things will start going your way.

— Gurudev Sri Ravi Shankar in The Times of India

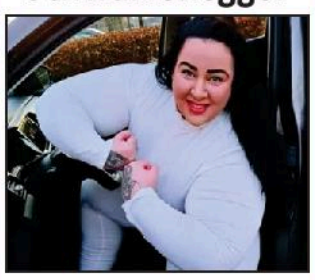
NEWS SPARKLERS

The coolest eyewear store that ever was

Tokyo: For 50 Years, the Rogan Megane Hakubutsukan or Spectacles Museum in Ikeburo, was the most iconic place to go shopping for eyeglasses and sunglasses in all of Japan, probably the world.

Located on the Higashi-dori shopping street in Minami-Ikebukuro, Tokyo, the Spectacles Museum was one of the most Instagram-worthy places in the Japanese capital. Although this was once a simple warehouse, under the guidance of founder and longtime owner Yutaka Takei, it became a giant advertisement for the products being sold inside. What really put the Spectacles Museum on the map was its unique facade, which consisted of thousands of pairs of colorful sunglasses attached to a giant metal frame. It was meant to attract attention, and that's exactly what it did, in time becoming one of Ikebukuro's main tourist attractions.

'She Hulk' has bigger biceps than Schwarzenegger



Amsterdam: Jackie Koorn, aka 'She-Hulk', is a physically impressive 34-year-old fitness enthusiast from the Netherlands who allegedly has bigger biceps than Arnold Schwarzenegger did in his prime, 24 inches compared to 22.

Koorn has always been into fitness, but it was only after being forced to take a break from kickboxing in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions that she realised she was much more comfortable with a bigger frame. She has since more than doubled in weight, embracing her curvy figure and dedicating herself to building massive muscles. She feels stronger than ever, and despite getting called 'fat' or 'too manly' online, she only focuses on the positive and she encourages other people to do the same.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G., Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Homage to former MLA Vasu: Condolence meeting on Mar. 28

Vasu

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (SBD&DM)- The Vasu Vishwasi Balaga, Mysuru, has organised *"Vasu Emba Sabhyata Chetanakke Shraddanjali,"* a meeting to condole the demise of former Chamaraja MLA Vasu, who was popularly known as 'Mayor Vasu', at Sahukar Channaiah auditorium in Vidyavardhaka Engineering College campus, Gokulam, tomorrow.

Former Corporator K.V. Sridhar said that the homage programme will take place from 4 pm to 8 pm on Mar.28.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Yukteshanandaji, former Bishop of Mysore Diocese Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly and others will take part.

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Today's Inflow **67 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **28 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **191 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **975 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***A fish has no eyelids and its eyes stay open at all times, even while sleeping. The shape of a fish's eyes depends on its habitat and what it feeds on. For instance, predator fishes have forward-facing eyes, while prey fishes have eyes on the sides of their heads. Some fish have colour vision and a few can see in UV light.***
- ***Like its eyes, a fish's mouth shape also varies from one fish type to another. This variation depends on what they eat and how they hunt.***
- ***The fish's teeth are also of different shapes depending on their diet. And based on the species, the teeth can be located in the lips, mouth, jaws, tongue or even throat!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: We have twenty witnesses who saw you stealing the car.
Convict: Maybe, but I can give you forty witnesses who did not see me steal it!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.32
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.16
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1 Euro	= Rs. 90.24

VOICE OF THE READER

Horrible condition of roads in Hebbal Industrial Area

Sir,

It has been four years since various agencies began digging up the road from Ring Road, passing through Damden Apartments to RPG, and further up to Automotive Axles, leaving craters along the entire stretch and causing agony for every road user. High GST and property taxpayers endure the torment of driving on this deteriorating road without protest, hoping that someday politicians or engineers will take action. However, there has been no response from any quarter.

Our Deputy Commissioner has visited the site twice, reprimanding negligent authorities and instructing for prompt rectification works, yet to no avail.

The jurisdictional confusion surrounding Hebbal and surrounding industrial areas, particularly after the establishment of the Hootagalli City Municipal Council, exacerbates the situation. However, this is not the concern of road users. I urge our officials to deploy resources — financial, mechanical and human — to immediately reconstruct the road.

As an engineer, I strongly recommend the following course of action: Removal of all residual existing blacktop (bitumen), scarification of the soil to a depth of 60 cm, relaying in layers of 30 cm each, compacting soil layers to at least 98 percent of Modified AASHTO density (which engineers should know), overlaying with Wet Mix Macadam of not less than 400 mm in two layers of 200 mm each, and providing a 50 mm layer of Bituminous Concrete, adhering to the Job Mix Formula (JMF) approved by a reputed agency. All layers should undergo testing as per specifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), under strict supervision and quality control from scarification to completion.

Regarding plans to provide a median and convert it into a dual carriageway, I advise against it due to the numerous crossroads and street-side shops in certain stretches, along with the lack of space for footpaths in some areas. Unless thoroughly surveyed, providing a median would be futile. Instead, efforts should focus on broadening the road, completing bell mouths in all junctions by at least 40 metres into crossroads, and strictly adhering to MoRTH specifications.

—V.N. Prasad, Retd. Designer - Highways

Mysuru 24.3.2024

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Mysuru Dy. Commr. warns against unauthorised use of river water

Mysuru, Mar. 27- With the district staring at a drinking water crisis due to poor rainfall, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has ordered ban on unauthorised drawing of river water for agricultural and other commercial purposes.

The move is aimed at preventing drinking water shortage with the district under the grip of drought.

The DC's order comes in the wake of reports of illegal drawing of Cauvery water using pumpsets on the banks of the river in Periyapatna taluk. This had affected the drinking water supply in the town.

Periyapatna Taluk Task Force that met on Mar.14 had written to the DC urging him to invoke the powers given under the Karnataka Irrigation Act,1965 restricting the use of river water for other purposes in certain situations. The order quoted that Section 46 of Karnataka Irrigation Act, 1965, states that no person other than the Irrigation Officer shall interfere with or divert the course of a natural stream or construct any earthen or masonry bund or weir on any channel or stream, flowing above or below any field channel.

In the order, the DC, who is also the Chairman of Mysuru Disaster Management Authority, said the Chief Minister, during a video conference on Mar.5, had ordered for restricting illegal drawing of river water for agriculture and other purposes to overcome drinking water crisis.

Farmers in Kodagu upset over restrictions

Meanwhile, a similar order has been issued by the District Administration in Kodagu also a few days back. Farmers in Cauvery basin are upset over restrictions imposed on use of water which is needed to protect their crops, especially coffee.

This move to restrict irrigation to ensure availability of drinking water has triggered a water war. "Farmers in Kodagu use stream water for irrigation only for two months in a year, how can the DC ban it?" asked a farmer leader during a protest in front of the DC's Office recently. "Such a step will kill our crops while resorts are allowed to waste water throughout the year," he alleged.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Selected for National Youth Festival

Sridarshan B. Malvankar, Sanketh, M. Yashwanth and H.P. Srikara, all 6th semester students of Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA), who won the overall championship in the South East Division Youth Festival organised by University of Mysore between Feb. 22 and Feb. 26, will be representing Mysore Varsity in the National Youth Festival in the fine arts competitions to be held at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana from Mar. 28 to Apr. 1.

Swati Puja

Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Mysuru Branch, on Kalidasa Road in city on Mar. 28. Sankalpa at 8 am, Abhisheka at 9 am, Alankara at 10.30 am, Mahamangalarati at 11.30 am, Shattumorai at 12.30 pm, Theertha Prasada Viniyoga at 1 pm, Prakarotsava at 7.30 pm, according to a press release from Temple Administrative Officer Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali). [Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271]

Workshop

Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji's Art of Living is conducting a workshop including yoga, pranayama, meditation and powerful breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya from Apr. 2 to 6 between 6 am – 8.30 am and 6 pm – 8.30 pm at Art of Living Ashram, Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru. [Mob: 94804-76825]

National Safety Day tomorrow

The Department of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, Mysuru Division, National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) and Nanjangud Industries Association have jointly organised the 53rd National Safety Day celebrations at Kalamandira in city at 10 am tomorrow. A Safety Walk will be held at 8 am, which will be flagged off by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh. Presiding Officer of Mysuru Labour Court T. Srinivas will hoist the Safety Flag. A public function will be held at Kalamandira, which will be inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra at 10 am. Joint Director of the Department of Factories, Boilers Industrial Safety and Health of Mysuru Division H.S. Narendrababu will deliver the introductory speech. Industrialist R. Guru, Chairman of NIPM Mysuru Chapter C.V. Srinivasan and Nanjangud Industries Association President M.S. Ramprasad will be the guests of honour. Director, Dept. of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, Bengaluru, K. Srinivas will preside.

Students killed as bike hits road divider

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (RK&KS)- Two students were killed when the bike they were riding rammed into a road divider on SJCE Road (Chaduranga Road) yesterday midnight.

The deceased have been identified as M.N. Harsha (19), son of late C.L. Nagaraj of B. Matageri and N.S. Charan (19), son of Suresh of Noorukuppe, both in H.D. Kote taluk.

Harsha and Charan, who were pursuing their 1st year B.Com course at JSS College on Ooty Road, were staying at Mahaveer Hostel at T.K. Layout in city.

M.N. Harsha

N.S. Charan

Yesterday at about 12.05 midnight, Harsha and Charan were proceeding on SJCE Road towards Hunsur Road on their KTM bike, when they rammed into a road divider near a bakery on SJCE Road, close to Hunsur Road junction. Due to the impact, both of them fell from the bike and were dragged along with the bike for about 100 metres.

VV Puram Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted them to K.R. Hospital, where the doctors, who examined them, declared them brought dead.

The bodies were shifted to MMC&RI mortuary where post-mortem was conducted this morning and the bodies were handed over to their family members.

VV Puram Traffic Police have registered a case.

Four persons including three from Mysuru meet watery grave at Muthathi

Mandya, Mar. 27- In a tragic incident, four persons including three from Mysuru drowned in Cauvery River near Muthathi in Mandya district on Tuesday.

The deceased have been identified as Nagesh (45), his son Bharat (17), Mahadeva (14) and Guru (32). While Nagesh, Bharat and Mahadeva were the residents of Gundu Rao Nagar in Mysuru, Guru was a resident of Bengaluru.

It is learnt that a total of 40 members of families in Mysuru and Bengaluru had come in a bus to offer puja at Muthathiraya Temple on Tuesday morning. After having the darshan of the

Nagesh

Bharat

Mahadeva

Guru

deity, a few of them ventured into Cauvery River for a swim during which Mahadev was caught in the whirlpool and drowned.

Nagesh, Guru and Bharat, who went to the rescue of Mahadev were also caught in the whirlpool and met watery grave. While the bodies of Nagesh and Bharat were fished out from the River in a few minutes, the bodies of Mahadeva and Guru were fished out in the evening.

All the four bodies were shifted to Malavalli Taluk Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted before being handed over to their family members.

Halagur Police have registered a case.

Attempt to murder: Man sentenced to two years imprisonment

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MK&KS)- The 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to two years rigorous imprisonment and six months simple imprisonment after he was found guilty of attempting to murder a man with a machete (long) following a property dispute.

The man who was sentenced is C. Mahesh alias Jogi, a resident of Devanur village in Nanjangud taluk.

One D.S. Rakesh of Devanur village, who wanted to purchase the vacant site of his relative and neighbour Mahadevaiah, had paid some money to Mahadevaiah's son Lokesh.

But Mahesh, who was tying his cattle and goat in the vacant site, began to create problems as he wanted the vacant site and frequent fights had taken place in this regard.

On Oct. 10, 2022, at about 6.30 pm, Mahesh, who had brought the machete with him, struck Rakesh's head causing serious injuries. A case was registered at Kavalande Police Station.

The then Sub-Inspector of Kavalande Police Station B. Mahendra, who conducted investigation, had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court. Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found Mahesh guilty of the crime and sentenced him to two years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 under IPC Section 307 and another six months simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 under IPC Section 504. Public Prosecutor K. Nagaraja argued on behalf of the Government.

Illegal transportation: Over Rs. 8 lakh worth liquor seized

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (PM&BS)- In two separate cases, the Excise Department sleuths have seized liquor worth over Rs. 8 lakh which was being transported illegally in city.

In the first case reported on Monday night, Excise Police intercepted a car in N.R. Mohalla and seized 88.560 litres of liquor of various brands and 46.920 litres of beer being illegally transported.

Nagaraj, who was transporting the liquor was arrested and released on station bail later. A case has also been registered against Shankraiah, who had supplied liquor and also the owner of the vehicle.

In another case reported on Tuesday night, Excise Police raided a house at Hosakote village in Yelwal hobli and seized 25.920 litres of liquor and 7.800 litres of beer worth about Rs. 30,000. The liquor was stored at the house of one Srikanta in Hosakote, who was also arrested and released on station bail. Cases have been registered under Excise Act. Excise Inspector A.A. Mujawar led the raids under the guidance of Excise Commissioner F.H. Chalavadi and Deputy Commissioner S. Nagarajappa. Excise Department staff Manju and B.S. Gurumallesh, Constables N. Ajay and C. Prathap took part in the raids.

Obituary

Girijamba

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Girijamba

(72), wife of late Shivaiah and a resident of K.R. Vanam, passed away in the early hours of today in city.

She leaves behind two sons including wildlife photographer G.S. Ravishankar, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

S.H. Ashwathrao

S.H. Ashwathrao (78), retired

Head Constable and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away on Monday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including A. Nageshrao, who is serving in CISF at Ahmedabad, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon, according to family sources.

Saptharushi Jois

Nanjangud: Saptharushi Jois

(72), a resident of the town near Raghavendraswamy Temple, passed away yesterday night.

He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds near the banks of Kapila River this noon, according to family sources.

Lok Sabha Polls-2024

History-sheeter banished from city

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (RK&VNS)- To curb untoward incidents during the ensuing Lok Sabha Polls, the City Police have been cracking a whip on history sheeters and habitual offenders residing in their limits.

As a part of the ongoing process, Vijayanagar Police Inspector B.R. Pradeep on Monday last registered a case under the Goonda Act against Shiva alias Shivakumar, 30, a resident of the Belawadi before extraditing him Mangaluru Prison.

Shiva is said to been involved in 13 various criminal cases including attempt to murder and robbery.

He was produced before a city Court by the Vijayanagar Police and was later sent to Mangaluru Prison.

Heritage Government Guest House Arch remains neglected

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (SBD&BS)- The arch of the Government Guest House at Nazarbad, in a city steeped in heritage significance, languishes in a deplorable state, as authorities persist in neglecting this emblematic structure entrenched in the annals of history.

Situated in the heart of Mysuru city, renowned as the Cultural Capital of the State, the arch on the northern side of the Government Guest House stands as one of several relics from yesteryears, boasting a century of existence.

Originally part of the Guest House's compound wall, the arch was isolated following the widening of a 421-metre stretch of Abba Road from Five Light Circle to Hyder Ali Circle in 2019, a project costing Rs. 3.5 crore. Now, it stands alone amidst the thoroughfare, a poignant testament to the passage of time.

In the past, media reports have raised alarming concerns regarding the safety of this historic structure. While iron grills have been hastily erected around the arch, no substantial measures have been taken to ensure its structural integrity.

Cracks and flaking concrete

Evident cracks mar the once-solid walls of the arch, with patches of flaking concrete exposing the underlying bricks, serving as a stark testament to the apathetic stance of the administrative authorities. Burrows created by rodents further exacerbate the precarious situation, particularly in the event of heavy rainfall, posing an imminent threat of collapse. Immediate action must be taken to safeguard this invaluable piece of heritage before irreparable damage occurs.

Despite minor efforts such as removing weeds and shrubs surrounding the structure a few months ago, little progress has been made in conserving this historical landmark. The decision to allocate significant funds towards installing iron grills around the arch raises questions about the necessity of such an investment when other critical preservation measures remain neglected.

As the gateway to the city for visitors arriving from Bengaluru, the dilapidated state of this structure starkly contradicts Mysuru's esteemed reputation as a 'Heritage City'. Regrettably, this neglect is not an isolated incident, as numerous other heritage structures in the city, including the Lansdowne Building, Devaraja Market and the Fire Station at Saraswathipuram, suffer similar fates.

Lack of unified vision

Some authorities are at odds regarding whether to embark on conservation efforts or demolish these structures, highlighting a troubling lack of unified vision for preserving Mysuru's rich architectural heritage. Urgent action and cohesive decision-making are imperative to prevent the irreversible loss of these invaluable cultural treasures.

Professor N.S. Rangaraju, a Member of the Heritage Experts Committee, disclosed that a comprehensive report had been meticulously compiled following the inspection of four significant heritage structures, including the arch of the Government Guest House.

This report, which recommended urgent conservation efforts, was duly submitted to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for consideration. Moreover, it underwent thorough deliberation in a meeting of the Heritage Experts Committee, receiving unanimous approval for implementation.

However, it has come to light that the file about these crucial conservation works now languishes within the confines of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), devoid of any substantive progress or action.

This apparent stagnation underscores a concerning lack of proactive measures by the relevant authorities, further jeopardising the preservation of Mysuru's invaluable architectural heritage. Swift and decisive action must be taken to translate these recommendations into tangible conservation efforts before irreparable damage ensues.

Book talk

Building a case for the emergence of a

'New Consensus Figure' in Narendra Modi

By Dr. Anushree
[Courtesy: Swarajya]

A few weeks before the general elections in India, the *TIME* Magazine cover story of May 2019 by British-American Journalist Aatish Taseer, called Narendra Modi as the 'divider-in-chief'.

However, just a few days later, the same magazine celebrated his thumping electoral victory in another article titled, 'Modi has united India like no Prime Minister in decades' by Manoj Ladwa.

The persona of Modi is such that his admirers and detractors are constantly engaged in building narratives around his speeches, policies, programs; some hinting at fissures, while others insinuating at the emergence of a consensus under his leadership.

One such narrative that attempts to theorise (150 years of) Indian politics *vis-a-vis* phases of consensus emerges in a recent book *'Modian Consensus: The Rediscovery Of Bharat'* by academician Swadesh Singh. This is Singh's second book in a row, the previous one being *'Ayodhya: Ram Mandir'* (Rupa, 2024) on the Ayodhya Ram Mandir movement.

Modian Consensus running through 10 chapters divided into three sections categorises five phases of consensus namely: Civilisational, Gandhian, Nehruvian, Secular and the latest being the Modian. The beginning of this new phase in Indian politics under Narendra Modi's leadership is characterised by three norms — welfare for all, assertive nationalism and cultural rootedness.

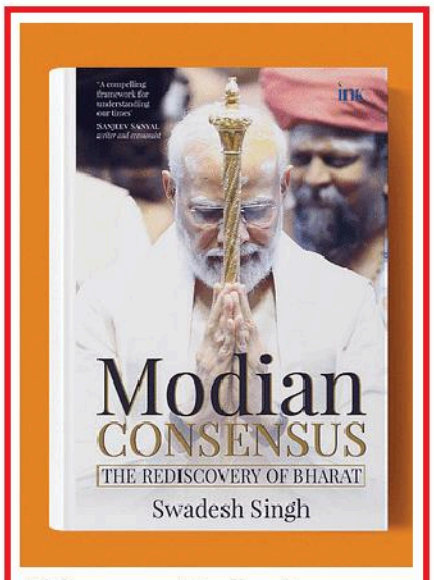
Singh claims that those who wish to gain electoral credibility and respectability in mainstream politics, including Modi's opponents are bound to follow these norms. Modian consensus is however, not confined to the realm of politics, but has taken roots in the field of art, literature, cinema, culture and academics.

While the first section is devoted to the consensus in pre-independence and a few decades post-independence and includes two consensus figures, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Jawahar Lal Nehru, the rest two revolve around the Modian consensus.

One of the basic concerns of the book is to look for moments and phases in the political history of the country to counter the Western-driven distorted view of India and to present an alternative vision of *'Bhartiya Rashtra'*.

Nehruvian Consensus and the Secular Paradox

Singh presents an honest and unbiased account of the Nehruvian consensus, which revolves around the bulwark of socialism, secularism and non-alignment.



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He presents him as an institutional builder who played a crucial role in developing the modern Indian state. He however, alleges that Nehru's myopic vision, flawed political experiments and a distorted understanding of the Indian society cost the nation badly, whether it was the issue of Kashmir, China or the gaps in the five-year plans.

He considers the succession of Motilal Nehru by J L Nehru as the Congress President in 1929, as the first case of dynasty politics in the history of modern India, further perpetuated by Indira and her sons post-independence.

The Nehru-Gandhi family were able to establish their hegemony by establishing an educational system that disregarded India's ancient civilisational values, by giving the mantle of education to left-leaning intellectuals.

While Singh acknowledges the initiatives like MNREGA and Right to Information by United Progressive Alliance (UPA) in its first term, their second term was defined by rampant corruption and confusion. Furthermore, 10 years of the Congress-led UPA rule highlighted the contradictions of the secular consensus, best defined as 'pseudo-secular' and appeasement politics.

The book vouches for 'positive secularism' as defined by Shri A B Vajpayee to mean *'Sarva Dharm Sambhav.'*

Modi Sarkar and the new Consensus

In the subsequent sections, Singh builds a case for the emergence of a 'new consensus figure' in Narendra Modi, first as the chief minister of Gujarat and later as the Prime Minister for two consecutive terms. His 'Gujarat model of governance' based on agrarian growth, infrastructure development, promotion of solar power leading to double digit growth rate has been presented as *'sarvasparshi'* and *'sarvamaveshi.'*

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With Modi's election as the Gujarat chief minister for the third time, a new term 'pro-incumbency' was added to the political lexicon. The 2014 presidential-style campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) centered around Modi's persona was owing to the fact that the popularity ratings of Modi (47 per cent) was way higher than the BJP (31-32 per cent).

The subsequent chapters in this section read like the report card of the two terms of the Modi government highlighting all his achievements in the domestic and international fronts including ban on triple talaq, scrapping of Article 370 and the construction of Ram temple.

The surgical strikes of 2016 and 2019 are being seen as the new strategy of offensive defence under Modi government's assertive nationalism and 'Nation first' policy.

An alumnus of JNU, Singh uses his lived experience to reflect on the student politics on campus. He highlights the anti-national sentiments of some of the student wings of the ultra-left who vilify students of the opposite camp, whom Singh calls as nationalists.

Singh applauds Modi government for actualising Jan Sangh leader Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of integral humanism by initiating and implementing several welfare schemes from Start-Up India to Jan Dhan Yojana and to the gigantic COVID-19 vaccination drive.

How did Modi fare on the cultural leadership front? Singh associates cultural rootedness with the faith in glorifying the ancient civilisational values and imbibing them into the modern system.

He gives several instances such as temple tourism, inauguration of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, creation of a new ministry for AYUSH and the installation of the Sengol in the Indian Parliament to vouch for Narendra Modi's cultural leadership. An interesting question drawing the attention of readers in this section is, whether BJP and Modi's quest for cultural rootedness should be seen as Hindu revivalism against the Muslims.

The author outlines BJP's Muslim outreach programmes, especially its recent initiatives for the socially and economically backward Pasmanda Muslims, including women, to counter such narratives.

In the concluding chapter on the challenges to the Modian Consensus coming from the barriers of semantics, semiotics and context, Singh cautions about attempts by the 'anti-Modi ecosystem' to present doctored narratives against the Prime Minister and the need for the proponents of the Modian consensus to collaborate for an alternative discourse.

At the end, one finds Singh optimistic about the sustenance of the Modian Consensus and suggests setting-up of *'amrit lakshya'* in *amrit kaal* to forge a fine balance between technology and human values.

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The book takes note of the recent 'Mood of the nation' survey *(India Today)* respondent's unhappiness with the unemployment situation during and post COVID-19 pandemic. Singh, however, posits it as a challenge to be overcome and not as a failure of the current regime.

This book appears as an affirmative response to the rhetorical question of the March 2012 issue of the *TIME* Magazine, 'Modi means business, can he lead India?'

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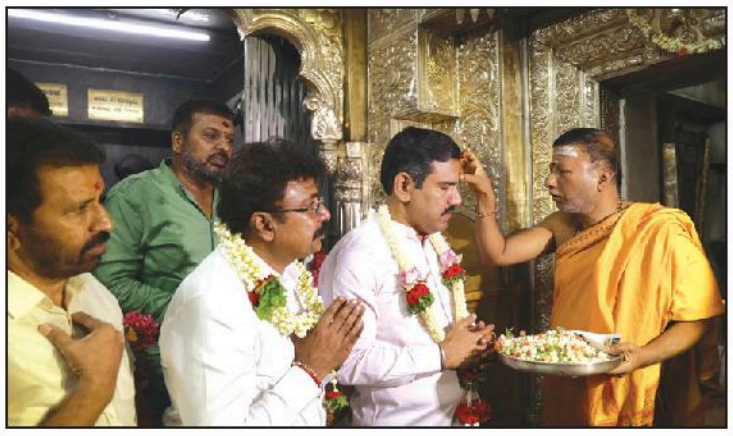
State BJP Chief offers special prayers at Chamundi Hill temple



Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BLU&DM)- Ahead of the LS polls, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra visited Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill here this morning and offered special prayers. Vijayendra arrived in the city last evening to take part in a couple of key party meetings today.

Vijayendra also performed 'Gau Mata' puja and offered grass, sugarcane and water to cows, praying for copious rains.

Later speaking to presspersons, Vijayendra delved on the issue of dissidence prevailing in the State BJP after the announcement of candidates. Asserting that all issues including dissidence will be sorted out in four days, the State BJP Chief said that even the Eshwarappa problem in Shivamogga will be resolved.

Noting that neither B.S. Yediyurappa nor him (Vijayendra) can take any major decisions concerning the party, he said ultimately it is the goal of every BJP worker or leader to make Modi the Prime Minister again.

Contending that the Congress seemed to be scared with the LS polls drawing near, he said though the Congress had planned to field as many as 18 State Ministers, it did not take off as all of them were scared of Modi wave.

Maintaining that the Congress Government has come as a curse to the people, Vijayendra asserted that no other Government in the State had lost popularity in such a short tenure as that of the Siddaramaiah Government.

Continuing, Vijayendra said that he had prayed Goddess Chamundeshwari for the resounding victory of PM Modi.

Reacting sharply to Siddaramaiah's comments that the BJP-JD(S) coalition would be a plus point for the Congress, Vijayendra said it is the people who decide what is plus and what is minus.

K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Chamarajanagar BJP candidate S. Balaraj, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, former MLAs S.A. Ramdas, N.Mahesh and C.S. Niranjankumar, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, former Mayor Shivakumar, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya and others were present.

Vijayendra will take part in the party's core committee meeting at a hotel in city at 4 pm today. Later, he will take part in the BJP-JD(S) coalition meeting at Dasara Exhibition grounds at 5 pm.

Mandya NDA candidate

(Continued from page 1)

While H.D. Kumaraswamy will be contesting from Mandya, Prajwal Revanna will be seeking re-election from Hassan and Mallesh Babu will contest as NDA candidate from Kolar.

Speaking to media, HDK said that he had taken a tough decision to safeguard the party.

"Congress has been claiming to have finished off JD(S). In reality, it is not possible for anyone to finish our party. To give the Congress a fitting reply, strengthen PM Modi at the Centre," he said and added "bowing to pressure from JD(S) workers, I have decided to contest."

Stating that Ramanagara was his 'Karma Bhoomi', he said there was no question of neglecting the district which saw a spurt in development during his reign as CM. He said people of Ramanagara need not think otherwise as he was contesting the LS polls to continue his service to society.

Vijayendra's message to BJP cadre

As soon as former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy made an official announcement on his candidature from Mandya, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra held a meeting with Mandya BJP leaders and instructed them to support JD(S).

"It is important that all 28 NDA candidates get elected from Karnataka to ensure the return of PM Modi to power. Any disagreements between the leaders of both parties should be set aside and the party leaders and workers should work in unity for the victory of all our candidates," he added.

Yaduveer to file nomination papers on Apr. 3

Yaduveer

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will file his nomination papers on Apr.3. Taking part in the BJP OBC Morcha Convention in city yesterday, MP Prathap Simha said that scores of BJP workers should be present during the filing of papers on that day.

Pointing out that the filing of papers should resemble a victory rally, he said that though he has been denied the ticket, it is the responsibility of every BJP worker to ensure the victory of Yaduveer.

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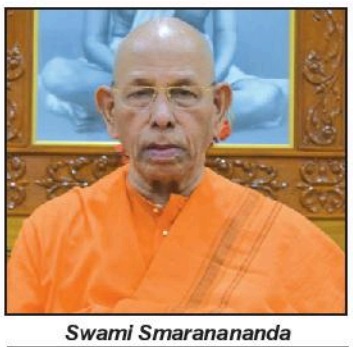
Swami Smaranananda of Belur Mutt passes away

He was the 16th President of Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission

Mysuru, Mar. 27 - Swami Smaranananda, the 16th President of the Ramakrishna Mutt and Ramakrishna Mission, passed away at Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan Hospital in Kolkata yesterday. He was 94.



Swami Smaranananda

Born in Andami village of Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu in the year 1929, Swami Smaranananda came in contact with the Mumbai branch of the Ramakrishna Order when he was about 20 years of age.

Inspired by the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda, he joined the Mumbai Ashram in 1952 at the age of 22 and embraced monastic life.

Swami Shankarananda, the seventh President of the Ramakrishna Order, gave him spiritual initiation in the same year. He also received brahmacharya vows in 1956 and sanyasa vows and the name 'Swami Smaranananda' in 1960 from Swami Shankarananda.

He was transferred in 1958 to the Kolkata branch of Advaita Ashrama, the well-known publication centre of the Ramakrishna Math. He served at both Mayavati and Kolkata centres of the Advaita Ashrama for 18 long years.

Last rites were held at Belur Mutt this morning.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

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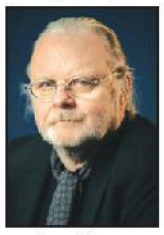
Art is Peace

World Theatre Day today: Message by Jon Fosse

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (Agencies)- Since 1962 World Theatre Day is being celebrated by International Theatre Institute (ITI), the World Organisation for Performing Arts, theatre professionals and theatre lovers, on Mar. 27. This day is a celebration for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "theatre" and act as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value.



Jon Fosse

Every year, ITI invites renowned theatre personalities, directors, actors, writers to pen a special message for World Theatre Day. This year, the institute invited Norwegian writer and playwright **Jon Fosse,** who was awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 2023. Born in 1959, Jon Fosse is known for his extensive body of work, including plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children's books and translations. He is one of the most performed playwrights in the world. Below is his World Theatre Day Message ***'Art is Peace.'*** Read on...

Every person is unique and yet also like every other person. Our visible, external appearance is different from everyone else's, of course, that is all well and good, but there is also something inside each and every one of us which belongs to that person alone — which is that person alone. We might call this their spirit, or their soul. Or else we can decide not to label it at all in words, just leave it alone.

But while we are all unlike one another, we're alike too. People from every part of the world are fundamentally similar, no matter what language we speak, what skin colour we have, what hair colour we have. This may be something of a paradox: that we are completely alike and utterly dissimilar at the same time. Maybe a person is intrinsically paradoxical, in our bridging of body and soul — we encompass both the most earthbound, tangible existence and something that transcends these material, earthbound limits.

Art, good art, manages in its wonderful way to combine the utterly unique with the universal. It lets us understand what is different — what is foreign, you might say — as being universal. By doing so, art breaks through the boundaries between languages, geographical regions, countries. It brings together not just everyone's individual qualities but also, in another sense, the individual characteristics of every group of people, for example of every nation.

Art does this not by levelling differences and making everything the same, but, on the contrary, by showing us what is different from us, what is alien or foreign. All good art contains precisely that: something alien, something we cannot completely understand and yet at the same time do understand, in a way. It contains a mystery, so to speak. Something that fascinates us and thus pushes us beyond our limits and in so doing creates the transcendence that all art must both contain in itself and lead us to.

I know of no better way to bring opposites together. This is the exact reverse approach from that of the violent conflicts we see all too often in the world, which indulge the destructive temptation to annihilate anything foreign, anything unique and different, often by using the most inhuman inventions technology has put at our disposal. There is terrorism in the world.

There is war. For people have an animalistic side, too, driven by the instinct to experience the other, the foreign, as a threat to one's own existence rather than as a fascinating mystery. This is how uniqueness — the differences we all can see — disappear, leaving behind a collective sameness where anything different is a threat that needs to be eradicated. What is seen from without as a difference, for example in religion or political ideology, becomes something that needs to be defeated and destroyed.

War is the battle against what lies deep inside all of us: something unique. And it is also a battle against art, against what lies deep inside all art. I have been speaking here about art in general, not about theatre or playwriting in particular, but that is because, as I've said, all good art, deep down, revolves around the same thing: taking the utterly unique, the utterly specific and making it universal. Uniting the particular with the universal by means of expressing it artistically not eliminating its specificity but emphasising this specificity, letting what is foreign and unfamiliar shine clearly through.

War and art are opposites, just as war and peace are opposites — it's as simple as that. Art is Peace.

Sri Ramakrishna's teachings foster peace in troubled times

First edition of 'Thingala Tilivu' by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Prathishtana

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (PM&BS)- Swami Sarvajayanandaji Maharaj of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, emphasised the pressing need to counteract the prevailing sentiments of dissatisfaction and unrest that plague contemporary society.

He underscored the importance of propagating the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Swami Vivekananda, and Sarada Devi to mitigate such negative emotions.

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration of 'Thingala Tilivu', a monthly programme organised on the first *hunnime* (full moon day) of every month at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle by the Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Prathishtana, Swami Sarvajayanandaji lauded the initiative as a commendable endeavour to foster spiritual introspection and upliftment.

He remarked, "Organising such programmes on the first *hunnime* of every month is a good initiative to promote spiritual reflection. By immersing ourselves in the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, we can cultivate a sense of inner peace, transcending barriers of caste and creed. Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa has illuminated a straightforward path to attaining divine blessings."

The Swamiji highlighted Swami Vivekananda's assertion that our thoughts shape our reality, emphasising the transformative power of positive thinking. He underscored the importance of utilising our cognitive faculties judiciously, aligning our thoughts with righteousness.

He added, "Recollection of Ramakrishna enables us to internalise divine moments and imbues us with inner strength. As Swami Vivekananda rightly pointed out, our minds possess immense potential, urging us to harness this power through righteous contemplation. Programmes like these play a pivotal role in nurturing such cognitive faculties."

The event also featured a lecture by former Director of Prasaranga, Dr. D.K. Rajendra, on the topic 'The Influence of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa on Kuvempu.' Among the dignitaries present were Dr. S.P. Yoganna, former MLC D. Madegowda, who is also the President of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Prathishtana, former Corporator Lakshmi Kiran and others.

Book 'Ammanagudda-Antarala' released

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MK&TRR)- At a function held at District Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP), Vijayanagar First Stage in the city recently, retired Bangalore University Professor Basavaraju Kalgudi released the book 'Ammanagudda-Antarala' written by Prof. C. Sarvamangala. The function was organised by Kannada Writers Trust to commemorate International Women's Day.

Speaking after releasing the book, Prof. Basavaraju Kalgudi said that through her book 'Ammanagudda-Antarala' author Prof. Sarvamangala has narrated the daily travails of a woman meaningfully through her poems. He also read a few poems from the book and explained their meaning. Later, retired Professor Dr. H.M. Kalashree spoke about International Women's Day. Professor of Kannada Studies Centre, University of Mysore, Dr. S.D. Shashikala, District KSP President Maddikere Gopal, President of the Trust Prof. Padma Shekar, Secretary Hema Nandish, Assistant Secretary Meena Mysuru, Maina Kariyappa and others were present.

'Elect me for further progress of Kodagu'

Congress candidate M. Lakshmana offers puja at Talacauvery

Madikeri, Mar. 27 (BS)- M. Lakshmana, Congress candidate for forthcoming Lok Sabha elections from Mysuru - Kodagu Constituency, has appealed to the voters to ensure his victory for further development of Kodagu district.

Speaking to media persons after offering special puja at Bhagamandala and Talacauvery on Tuesday, Lakshmana said, "The two Congress MLAs in Kodagu Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna and Dr. Manthar Gowda have taken up various developmental works in a short span of 10 months in the district. With their election, the misrule in the district has also witnessed an end. Similarly, the vested interests that were triggering flame in the Constituency should also be eradicated. It is my firm belief that the voters of Kodagu will support Congress in LS polls this time."

"I have toured Madikeri and Virajpet Constituencies and the developmental works are undertaken everywhere. In a span of 10 months, funds to the tune of over Rs. 350 crore have been sanctioned and foundation has been laid for various works. While in some places of Kodagu, the works have been completed. In the last 10 months, no incidents of communal clashes have been reported, with the people living in unison in the district," he added.

Both the MLAs, Ponnanna and Manthar Gowda have shown how an elected representative should work, said Lakshmana.

Earlier Lakshmana, who arrived in the district for the first time after he was declared as candidate for LS polls, was accorded a warm welcome at Anechowkur the border of Kodagu district.

President of Kodagu District Congress Committee Dharmaja Uthappa and other workers of the party were present at that time.

District Congress Spokesperson Tatu Monnappa, leaders H.S. Chandramouli, Mederira Naveen, Thennira Myna and others were also present.

Saksham app to enable easier voting for physically challenged

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BCT)- In preparation for the Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission of India (ECI) is enhancing the services offered through the Saksham app to better accommodate voters with disabilities exceeding 40 percent (physically challenged) and senior citizens aged 85 and above.

The Saksham app for physically challenged voters offers a range of features including registration as physically challenged, new voter registration, transfer of vote from one location to another, requests to change polling stations, wheelchair assistance, searching for names in the voter list, locating polling stations and facilities for registering complaints, locating polling officers, and checking booth locator status.

Individuals with various disabilities such as blindness, low vision, deafness, hearing loss, physical disabilities, mental illnesses (psychosocial disabilities), leprosy, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, dwarfism, muscular dystrophy, acid attack survivors, speech and language disabilities, specific learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, chronic neurological disorders including multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease, blood disorders including haemophilia, thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia, as well as those with multiple disabilities, are eligible to enrol and utilise the app's services.

As per the Election Commission guidelines, polling stations designated for disabled voters will be situated on the ground floor across all locations. These stations will be equipped with essential amenities such as drinking water, waiting sheds, medical kits, accessible toilets, sufficient electric lighting, ramps, and wheelchair facilities.

Additionally, priority entry will be provided for disabled individuals and senior citizens, along with separate queuing facilities and standardised signage.

Volunteers will be stationed at polling stations to offer assistance as needed. Furthermore, Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will feature Braille and other assistive facilities to accommodate visually and physically challenged voters.

According to K.M. Gayathri, CEO of Zilla Panchayat and Chairperson of Mysuru District Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, ECI has introduced Saksham App to facilitate voters' participation.

Special voters listed in the electoral roll can utilise this app to access comprehensive info related to elections, details about polling station facilities, pre-booking options for tricycles for transportation, recording distance travelled and accessing poll-related articles and messages issued by ECI.

Voter awareness held for factory workers

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (DM)- Maintaining that the biggest elections in the world is the forthcoming LS polls in the country, Department of Industries and Commerce Joint Director Dinesh said it is important that every eligible citizen of the country takes part in ethical voting without falling prey to any allurements.

He was speaking at the voter awareness programme organised by the District SVEEP Committee at Units 37 and 42 of Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd., in the city recently. Pointing out that our Constitution has given voting rights to all citizens aged over 18 years, he called upon everyone to utilise this right in a most appropriate manner.

Noting that the country has 96 crore voters, who are going to caste their votes in 10 lakh polling booths having a total of 57 lakh EVMs, Dinesh said that the Election Commission is taking all measures to hold the elections in a fair and peaceful manner.

Stressing that it is the duty of every citizen to caste vote, he called upon the workers to compulsorily exercise their franchise.

He further said that Karnataka saw 70 percent voting and it is expected that the Lok Sabha elections will see a much better voter turnout this time. Those seeking any help regarding the elections can download the Voter Helpline App, he added.

The citizens can use cVIGIL app to lodge complaints on Model Code of Conduct violations or other electoral malpractices, he said adding that elderly voters aged above 85 years and differently abled voters having 40 percent disability, can exercise their franchise from their homes.

Shahi Exports Unit 37 Head J.C. Gurumurthy, Unit 42 Head Santosh Kumar, Managing Director Shubha Devaraj Urs, Labour Welfare Officer Chaitra and others were present.

Hunsur officials trained in poll code enforcement

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BCT)- Keeping in view the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, the district authorities have launched comprehensive measures aimed at ensuring a smooth and transparent electoral process.

Yesterday, at the Ambedkar Bhavan in Hunsur, a training programme was convened to discuss the implementation of Model Code of Conduct, vital for upholding the integrity of democratic process.

Under the guidance of ZP CEO and Mysuru SVEEP Committee Chairperson K.M. Gayathri, officials participated in training sessions focused on enforcing the poll code across various Constituencies. There was a significant emphasis on the precise execution of duties by designated personnel to ensure a fair platform for all candidates.

Particular attention was given to discussions surrounding permissions and management procedures for campaign rallies, stressing the importance of strict adherence to established regulations. Static Surveillance Teams and Flying Squads, led by both the Police and Excise Departments, have been deployed to ensure compliance.

Government officers and staff were reminded of their pivotal role in upholding the principles of fair elections. Master Trainer Kripa Ganesh provided insights into poll code implementation to the trainees, alongside Nodal Officers Rudresh and Nandish.

WORD OF THE DAY

Heterodox

Pronunciation: HET-uh-ruh-dahks.
Meaning: A synonym of both unorthodox and unconventional, heterodox describes something, such an idea or belief, that is contrary to or different from an acknowledged standard, a traditional form, or an established religion. Heterodox can also describe a person or group that holds unorthodox opinions or doctrines.
Origin: Hot take: individuals often see other people's ideas as unconventional while regarding their own as common sense. On second thought, this take may be more on the mild side — in other words, closer to orthodox ("conventional") insight about human nature than to heterodox ("unconventional" or "contrary") opinion. Both orthodox and heterodox developed from the same root, the Greek doxa, meaning "opinion." Heterodox combines doxa with heter-, a combining form meaning "other" or "different"; orthodox pairs doxa with orth-, meaning "correct" or "straight."
Example: "[Ross] Perot's personality was mercurial, his leadership style authoritarian, and his views heterodox. He opposed free trade & abortion restrictions & supported gun regulation and balanced budgets. Unlocking key to his appeal, which attracted Republicans and Democrats in roughly equal numbers, would not be easy." — Nicole Hemmer, The Atlantic, 19 Sept. 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Halieutics

Study of fishing.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the books

Meaning: To study.
Origin: In this phrase, hit means to start or to begin. Although no one knows the origin of the phrase "Hit the books", it seems to be related to early ones such as "Hit the trail," which cowboys used when starting out on a journey. It's clear that this saying is a fairy contemporary one, probably from the mid-20th century.
Example: "Danny was in danger of failing, so before his last math test he left the show early to go home and hit the books."

QUOTE BOX

First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win. **—Mahatma Gandhi**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LONG
DEW

Answer :Long overdue.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Crazy or insane
4 Alcoholic Anonymous Association, should we say?
7 Greenish blue
11 Fruit drink
12 In __ lights : not in very bright lights?
13 Star Wars princess
14 Mischievous romp
17 Regatta items
18 Relating to first principles; simple
20 Alter to suit
22 A small knife
23 An Ethiopian prince
24 Grades or levels
27 Wall painting
31 Sings like Swiss mountaineers
33 Extemporize (2-3)
34 Wear it to keep warm
35 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
37 Nymph of Muslim paradise
39 Snoops, wiretaps or bugs to listen in on
42 A city of the Holy land, usually connected with Sidon
43 Distinctiveness, individuality or personality
46 Frosty white
47 "It is" contracted for poets?
48 Network Interface Adapter in short
49 English painter
50 Up to now
51 Gross Natl. Prod.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	R	A	C		O	A	K	S		I	A	N
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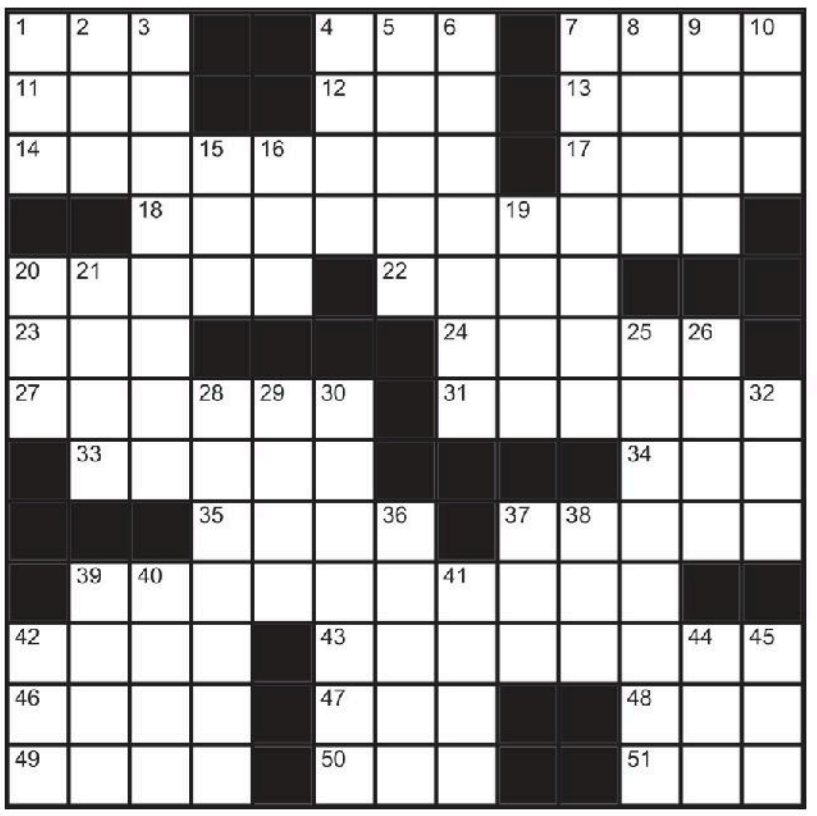
DOWN

1 __ West : life-jacket?
2 "Sad" change for newspaper revenue ?
3 Passed away
4 Eve's hubby
5 Helped out
6 Facility
7 Concealed or disguised, in a way?
8 Period of time
9 Lively or flippant
10 Naval air station, acronym
15 High mountain
16 Make a fuss of
19 Triad or threesome
20 Canine sound
21 Indian wrestling great ___ Singh
25 Declining or disclaiming
26 Aspersion
28 Bondage, drudgery
29 Refer to
30 Fatness
32 ___ Lanka : 1996 Cricket World Cup winners?
36 __ Murphy : Hollywood star ?
37 Honourable, in short
38 Make a choice; choose
39 Island, poetically speaking?
40 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
41 Take it easy
42 For Whom __ Bell Tolls: Ernest Hemingway's famous novel?
44 Soft white metal
45 Sharp bark



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	3	7	1	4	5	2	6
1	2	4	3	6	5	9	8	7
7	5	6	9	8	2	1	3	4
2	7	9	1	3	8	4	6	5
6	1	8	5	4	9	3	7	2
3	4	5	2	7	6	8	1	9
5	3	1	6	9	7	2	4	8
8	6	2	4	5	1	7	9	3
4	9	7	8	2	3	6	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KCV TGYVXG'I BMQE ABS PI KB RVK BLK BD

KCV ZGE BD YGWPMR FCBKBRXGFCI.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Shakhahaari (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Karataka Dhamanaka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te) - 4 Shows
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DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	(S-1)	10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.20 pm
Dilkush (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Lineman (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Jackie (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Razakar - Silent Genocide (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Rebel (Ta)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.30 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Jackie (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Premalu (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	:	4.15 pm

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.55 am, 2.45 pm, 5.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Kerebete (K)	:	12.30 pm
Thooth Kaasu (K)	:	12.30 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 6.40 pm
Madgaon Express (H)	:	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	1.25 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.10 pm
Rebel -2024 (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 9.05 pm
Dilkush (K)	:	3.45 pm
Jackie (K)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Lineman (K)	:	6.25 pm
Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.20 am, 1.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Lineman (K)	:	12 noon
Madgaon Express (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.55 pm
Rebel - 2024 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	3.15 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	:	3.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakshasa Tantra (K)	:	4.10 pm
Jackie (K)	:	6.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 27)

- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - An art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am to 7 pm.**
- **Kavitha Theatre Troupe:** Staging of writer Ganesh Amingada's *Kaudi* solo play by Bhagyashree Pala, Direction-Music-design by Jagadish R. Jane, Prasanna Kumar Keragodu, Kriya Founder, inaugurates, Prof. N.M. Talwar, Project Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada, CIIL, chief guest, Mahadeva Naik, Superintendent, Central Prison, Mysuru, will be present, P. S. Ramesh, Chief Superintendent, Central Prison, presides, Mysuru Jail premises, **4.45 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum, Mysuru:** World Theatre Day celebrations, senior theatre persons Prof. H.S. Umesh and M. Dhwarakanath will be present, Deepak Mysore reads World Theatre Day Message, felicitation to Rajyotsava awardees P. Gangadharaswamy and Prof. C. Naganna, B.V. Karanth Awardee C. Basavalingaiah, Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu, Karnataka Nataka Academy Members S. Ramu and Shahi Jahidha, Kannada Development Authority Member T. Gururaj and Karnataka Janapada Academy Member Devananda Varaprasad, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Atmatrupti Trust:** Releasing of book 'Navu Kanda Siddaramaiah — Tatva-Satvada Sangama' in Kannada, English and Tamil languages, writer and former Minister Dr. B.T. Lalitha Nayak inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, writer Nadoja Baragur Ramachandrappa releases the book, Rajyotsava awardee Prof. C. Naganna speaks about the book, Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, N. Cheluvarayaswamy & K. Venkatesh and Karnataka Government Guarantee Committee Chairman H.M. Revanna chief guests, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **6 pm.**
- **GPIER Theatre Troupe:** 30th year celebrations, five-day National Theatre Festival, Dr. M. Mohan Alva, Chairman, Alva's Education Foundation, Moodbidri, inaugurates, Danseuse Dr. Vasundara Doraswamy and Actor Arun Sagar chief guests. Senior theatre director Prof. H.S. Umesh presides, Senior Theatre Person Rajashekar Kadamba and Department of Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present. GPIER Director Mime Ramesh delivers introductory speech, tribal leader and *Padma Shri* awardee Somanna will be felicitated, Kirurangamandira, Kalamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Bavul' (Malayalam) by Jwala Kuruvakode, Kerala; Original: 'Moner Manush' by Sunil Gangopadhyaya; Adaptation and Direction: E.V. Haridas, Kirurangamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 28)

- **The Department of Factories, Mysuru Division, National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) and Nanjangud Industries Association:** 53rd National Safety Day celebrations with the theme 'Let us Concentrate on Safe Leadership for Excellent Environmental and Social Administration,' Safety Walk inauguration by City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, T. Srinivas, Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Mysuru, will hoist safety flag, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **8 am;** Public meeting inauguration by DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, H.S. Narendrababu, Joint Director, Department of Factories, Boilers Industrial Safety and Health, Mysuru Division, R. Guru, Chairman, N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., C.V. Srinivasan, Chairman, NIPM, Mysuru, M.S. Ramprasad, President, Nanjangud Industries Association and K. Srinivas, Director, Department of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, chief guests, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **10 am.**
- **Bhavi Sameera Sri Vadiraja Seva Samithi:** 'Bhavasameera Sri Vadiraja Aradhana Mahotsava, Parayana Seve, **8 am,** Lakshmishobane and Bhajane, **9.15 am,** discourse, Udupi Sri Krishna Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **10 am.**
- **GPIER Theatre Troupe:** National Theatre Festival, Tatvapada '*Arivu Thorida Guru*' recital by Devananda Varaprasad and team; **7 pm:** Staging of play '*Manteswamy Katha Prasanga*', Direction: Mime Ramesh, Kirurangamandira, **5.30 pm:**
- **Mysuru Sangeetha Sabegala Okkuta:** Felicitation to musicologist Prof. R. Visweswaran, veena recital by Prof. Visweswaran with Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Sharat Kaushik on ghata, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

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Yodha (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 7 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Madgaon Express (H)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.20 pm
Swatantrya Veera Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	10 pm
	(S-4)	10 am , 3.55 pm
Om Bheem Bush (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm

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		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Rebel - 2024 (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 10 pm
Jackie (K)	:	10.50 am, 10.30 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)	:	11.15 am
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3d)	:	1.55 pm, 7.15 pm
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Dilkush (K)	:	4.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Lineman (Te)	:	7.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Free Kho-Kho coaching camp from Apr. 15 to May 15

Mysuru, Mar. 27- The United Sports Club, Mysuru, will be conducting a one month free kho-kho coaching camp from Apr. 15 to May 15 between 6.30 am and 8.30 am at Rotary Mysore School, Dattagalli, Kanakadasanagar, in city.

Children below 8 years to 16 years (boys and girls) can avail this facility. Coaching camp will be conducted by experienced SAI/SAK coaches. For details contact Mob: 98452-20205.

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TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 27)

SRH Vs MI

Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Stadium, Hyderabad — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 28)

RR Vs DC

Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Rajasthan — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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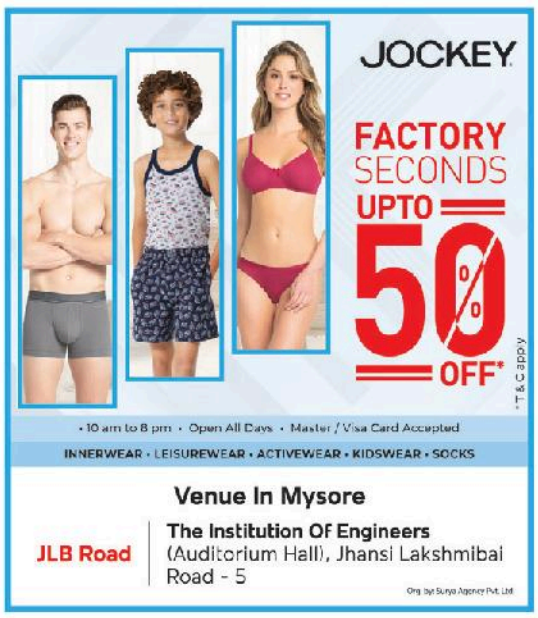
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